

In his early years, in Montreal, he took a great interest in Military matters, was Color-sergeant of the first Volunteer Rifle Corps ever enrolled in any of the colonies which formed the nucleus of the 1st or Prince of Wales Rifle Regiment as No. 1 Company. He was appointed Ensign, April 15, 1858, and Lieut. in Aug. 8, 1860, and on the 7th Feb., 1862, Lieutenant of the Fifth Battalion Volunteer Militia Rifles of Canada.

The death of Bro. Blackwood has cast a gloom over the members of Ashlar Lodge No. 274, G.R.C., of which he was the founder, and it was only in the month of March that we gave an interesting account of the 25th Anniversary of this Lodge and the prominent part R. W. Bro. Blackwood took on that occasion.

Bro. Blackwood first saw Masonic Light in Elgin Lodge, Montreal, No. 348, R.S., and was registered in Edinburgh, Oct. 2, 1857. He affiliated with Hawkesbury Lodge, No. 159, Canada West, under Grand Lodge of Ireland, April 26, 1858; affiliated with St. Paul's Lodge, Montreal, No. 514, E.R., Dec., 27, 1859, was Secretary in 1862, and S.W. in 1864. On coming to Toronto he affiliated with St. John's Lodge No. 75, also Zetland Lodge No. 326, and was the founder and first W. M. of Ashlar Lodge, No. 247, in 1871, filling the chair in 1872 and 1873; he was its Treasurer for 20 years, until the time of his death. Was a P.D.D.G.M. of Toronto District, and a prominent member of Grand Lodge.

He received his Royal Arch Degree in the Chapter of Hawkesbury Lodge, and his Certificate bears date Dublin 4th April, 1859; was elected Grand Scribe N., Grand Chapter of Canada, July 23, 1888; was one of the founders

of St. Paul's Chapter, Toronto, and was its First Principal, April 10, 1875, and has filled the office of Treasurer for the past 18 years.

He was made a Knight Templar in the Council and Chapter of 159 Encampment, Hawkesbury, under the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and, his certificate bears date Dublin, 31st April, 1859.

He was a member of Adoniram Council of Royal and Select Masters of Toronto, and his Certificate bears date July 15, 1875.

He received his Scottish Rite degrees in Toronto Chapter of Rose Croix, in 1875, and Moore Sovereign Consistory Hamilton, and was made an Honorary Inspector-General 33° in Montreal, October, 1890.

His genial and kindly countenance will long be remembered by a large circle of friends, both in the Craft and among the commercial community of this City. The funeral took place from the late residence of deceased in Rosedale on Thursday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. T. C. DeBarres of St. Paul's Church. Most of the officials of the Custom House were present besides a large number of prominent citizens and the Masonic bodies of which deceased was a member. The members of Ashlar Lodge were present in a body. Besides Ashlar, the members of St. Paul's Chapter, No. 65, and the Toronto Lodge of Perfection, A. and A. Scottish Rite, were in attendance. Past Master T. A. Agar, and others from Blackwood Lodge, No. 311, Woodbridge, which was founded by deceased, were present. There were many handsome floral tributes. Among them were a compass and square from Ashlar Lodge, a triangle from St. Paul's